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Policemen's Rights

CHICAGO—Fifth Amendment rights do not apply to policemen whose summoning by superiors or a grand jury might lead to disciplinary actions, a federal judge has ruled.

The ruling by Judge Richard B. Austin of U.S. District Court was made in a suite filed by nine policemen. They contended that a department rule, bringing possible suspension or dismissal on refusal to testify before a federal grand jury or to answer a superior's questions, was unconstitutional.

"The policemen cannot come crying now," Judge Austin told defense attorneys. "When they signed up for that job, that was the law and they took the job pursuant to it."